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REMARKS

If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner is urged to telephone Edward M. Fink, Esq. at (732) 906-5654 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Specification amendments

The Examiner noted that Applicants had again failed to respond to the requirement for a sequence listing. In order to obviate this oversight, Applicants are transmitting herewith a marked-up specification and substitute specification wherein the sequence identifiers have been included (see page 18 and the description of the figures, page 29). No new matter has been introduced.

Rejection under § 101

This rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claim 10.

Claims 1-9, 14 and 19-23 are presently in the application.

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Claims 1-9, 14 and 19-23 are now believed to be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is most earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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